

MESCALERO RANCH

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ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

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Mr. Martin Sheridan  
11 North Russell Street  
Boston Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sheridan:

Your letter of August 26th arrived after I had left Roswell for a vacation trip, or it would have been answered sooner.

Regarding the questions in your letter, the last time I was in Massachusetts was the middle of August, on the way to a short holiday trip abroad. I have no relatives in Massachusetts except a few distant cousins. As for hobbies, rocket research has been my main hobby. It occupied most of my spare time until 1930, since which time, except for two years, 1932-34, grants from the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation, and leave of absence from Clark University, have made it possible to devote full time to the subject. At the present time, photography might be considered a not-very-close second. We are working now on light rockets, and hope to carry out flights with these in the future. Until this fall we have concentrated on controlling the flight by gyroscopes during and after propulsion, and on developing means of releasing the parachutes to permit the rockets to land harmlessly. We begin this fall to bring the weight down to a minimum. I do not feel that any good can be accomplished by speculating on the future possibilities of rockets and rocket propulsion until after more results have been obtained.

I do not have a photograph of myself here, but I believe you can get something satisfactory from either of the Worcester photographers Rice or Bushong.

Very truly yours,

*P. H. Goddard*



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